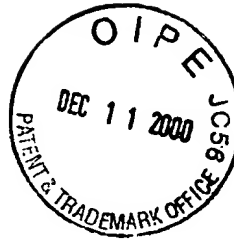


Atty. Docket No. BMID 9941 US



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE **RECEIVED**

In re application of: Goerlach-Graw, Ada, *et al.*

JAN 10 2001

Application No.: 09/594,972

Group No.: 1641

TECH CENTER 1600/2800

Filed: June 15, 2000

Examiner: To Be Assigned

For: ELEMENT, METHOD AND KIT FOR THE DETERMINATION OF AN ANALYTE IN A LIQUID (AS AMENDED)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

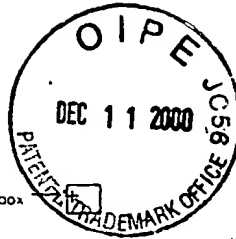
A Preliminary Amendment was submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 21, 2000, with payment of additional claim fees. A copy of the Preliminary Amendment with Transmittal Form, Fee Transmittal and return postcard as filed is enclosed.

Because the additional claims fees have been submitted to the Office with the Preliminary Amendment mentioned above, the attached Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Application now includes the basic filing fee of \$710, the surcharge for late payment of filing fee of \$130, and the two-month extension fee of \$390.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: December 7, 2000

Brent A. Harris, Reg. No. 39,215
Roche Diagnostics Corporation
9115 Hague Road, Bldg. D
P.O. Box 50457
Indianapolis, IN 46250-0457
Telephone No.: (317) 521-3416
Facsimile No.: (317) 521-2883



RECEIVED

JAN 10 2001

Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box

TECH CENTER 162525 (8-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002 OMB 0651-0031
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number

TRANSMITTAL FORM <i>(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)</i>	Application Number	09/594,972	
	Filing Date	June 15, 2000	
	First Named Inventor	GOERLACH-GRAW	
	Group Art Unit	1641	
	Examiner Name	To Be Assigned	
Total Number of Pages in This Submission	9	Attorney Docket Number	BMID 9941 US

ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form	<input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (for an Application)	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to Group
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preliminary Amendment / Reply	<input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Group (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)
<input type="checkbox"/> After Final	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition	<input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information
<input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application	<input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence Address	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below):
<input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request	<input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer	
<input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement	<input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund	
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/Incomplete Application	Remarks	
<input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53		

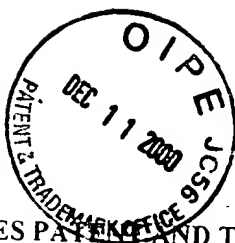
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT	
Firm or Individual name	Jill L. Woodburn, Reg. 39,874
Signature	<i>Jill L. Woodburn</i>
Date	Nov. 21, 2000

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING	
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231 on this date: Nov. 21, 2000	
Typed or printed name	Jill L. Woodburn
Signature	<i>Jill L. Woodburn</i>
Date	Nov. 21, 2000

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. **DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.**

Atty. Docket No. BMID 9941 US



RECEIVED

JAN 10 2001

PATENT

TECH CENTER 1000-100-3

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Dr. Ada Goerlach-Graw, *et al.*

Application No.: 09/594,972

Group No.: 1641

Filed: June 15, 2000

Examiner: To Be Assigned

For: ELEMENT, METHOD AND KIT FOR THE DETERMINATION OF AN
ANALYTE IN A LIQUID (AS AMENDED)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the captioned application, entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, line 1, please replace "Element for the determination of an analyte in a liquid, a corresponding method of determination using the element and a kit for the determination of an analyte" with -- ELEMENT, METHOD AND KIT FOR THE DETERMINATION OF AN ANALYTE IN A LIQUID--;

On page 1, before line 4, please add -- Cross-Reference to Related Application

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 of German Application Serial No. 199 27 783.4 filed June 18, 1999. --;

On page 1 line 4; please add -- Background and Summary of the Invention--;

On page 4 before line 18, please add -- Brief Description of the Drawings

Fig. 1 is a top view of an element according to the invention;

Fig. 2 is a top view of an element according to the invention;

Fig. 3 is a top view of an element according to the invention; and

Fig. 4 is a top view of an element according to the invention which contains two adjacent zones, which each carry a different one of two conjugates.

Detailed Description of the Invention--.